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Popular Farmers Market Begins 2019 Season on Capitol Complex

DES MOINES – The Capitol Complex Farmers Market will begin its fourth season on June 18, 2019 with new and returning vendors offering Iowa homegrown and homemade products from fruits and vegetables to baked goods and candles. The market began in 2016 and attracts residents from neighborhoods around the Capitol in addition to state employees. The Department of Administrative Services, the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, and the Department of Public Health sponsor the market every year.

“This tradition is a great way to support farmers market vendors in Iowa, while highlighting the variety of food and goods they have to offer into the fall,” said Paul Trombino, interim director of the Department of Administrative Services. It will run every Tuesday from June 18 to September 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and is located on E. 13th Street between E. Walnut Street and E. Grand Avenue.

“Farmers markets create incredible atmospheres and opportunities for producers and consumers to engage in conversations and learn from one another,” said Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig. “We’re pleased that Capitol Complex employees and our surrounding neighbors can easily access products and fresh produce from hardworking Iowa farmers at the weekly farmers market.”

The director for the Iowa Department of Public Health, Gerd Clabaugh said, “The Capitol Complex Farmers Market provides an important opportunity for state employees and our community neighbors to gain access to fresh produce – the “5” in the 5-2-1-0 Healthy Choices Count! campaign. Events like the farmers market make it easier to get five or more servings of fruits and vegetables each day.” Learn more at <https://das.iowa.gov/general-services/capitol-complex-farmers-market>.

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